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Laboratories in Medical Institutes/ Colleges
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(a) the number of laboratories in the different medical institutes/colleges of the country which have been certified by the Quality Council of India and Indian Medical Association for conducting genetic/heredity diseases tests;

(b) whether a number of such laboratories in the country do not have the requisite equipments, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the laboratories in the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c): Quality Council of India and the Indian Medical Association have informed that there is no laboratory certified by them in medical institutes/colleges for conducting genetic/heredity disease tests.

National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), an autonomous body under the Department of Science & Technology offers laboratory accreditation scheme, a voluntary program, as per International Standards ISO 15189 for medical labs. NABL has accredited 42 laboratories out of which 17 are in medical institutes/colleges, in the discipline of 'Genetics'.

The Department of Health Research has introduced a scheme titled "Establishment of a network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities". Genetic or heredity disease tests are not conducted in these laboratories.